## Forrest Gump

**Procedures:**

1. Select one of the historically-based scenes from the movie. [See list of historical events below.]
2. Research the factual event.
3. How was the event changed for the movie?
4. Write a two-page essay comparing and contrasting the movie scenes to the real historical events.

**Historical events:**

* Early Rock'n Roll - Elvis (from 1955 on) (Hound Dog - 1958)
* Desegregation of the University of Alabama   
  (Govn. George Wallace) (1963)
* Assassination of J.F. Kennedy (1963)
* Vietnam War - (use of Napalm) (1960-1973)
* Anti-War movement (March on Washington) (1969)
* Civil Rights Movement (Black Panthers, SDS) (1960s)
* the moon landing (1969)
* John Lennon ("Imagine") (1971)
* The Watergate Scandal - Pres. Nixon's resignation (1972)

**Objectives:**

1. To compare/contrast historically-based films and facts.
2. Analyze choices in diction and selection of facts

**Essential Questions:**

1. How do we know what we watch is factual?
2. Why does the film industry alter the facts when they place events into movies?